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## FECAL SAMPLE PROTOCOL FOR DRINKING WATER Source Water Method 9222D

Method 9222D is used to analyze source water fecal samples. The requirement to sample for surface water systems avoiding filtration can be found in 40 CFR 141.71 (a).

For compliance with DEQ Sampling the following criteria must be met:

- ◆ The time from sample collection to initiation of analysis is not to exceed 8 hours
- ◆ Samples must be held below 10 degrees Celsius during transit
- ◆ Measurements must be conducted by a laboratory certified by the State or EPA to do such analysis
- ◆ These raw water fecal samples are collected one to five times a week based on population served
- ◆ The results are reported to DEQ PWS with the sample point of RW101
- ◆ Summaries are provided by the systems with their monthly monitoring forms

If you have any questions contact [Lisa Kaufman](#), DEQ Surface Water Treatment Rule Manager, 444-5313

## National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures

The National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures is a collaborative initiative supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry through which many organizations and individuals are contributing to the development of an Action Agenda. The goal of the Action Agenda is to develop ideas for strengthening our nation's approach to protecting the public's health from harmful chemical exposures. RESOLVE, a non-profit independent consensus-building organization is facilitating the National Conversation.

### \*\*\***OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE**\*\*\*

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**WebDialogue** - <http://www.webdialogues.net/cs/nationalconversation-action-home/view/di/229?x-t=home>
- ◆ **New! The draft Action Agenda is now available** for review and comment. We invite you to review the Action Agenda, share ideas and comment on proposed actions through the WebDialogue and by leaving a public comment.  
**Action Agenda public comments**- <http://www.resolve.org/nationalconversation/>
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## CDC Public Health Resources for Chemical Exposures Protecting Public Health

Recent media reports discussing the potential use of chemical agents in the United States may have raised questions among clinicians and public health professionals about the risks of exposure to a number of chemical hazards. In an effort to assist in addressing these questions, CDC would like to remind public health partners of resources to assist in preparing for and responding to chemical exposures in community and clinical settings.

CDC provides resources for a wide range of potential chemicals hazards currently in the news, such as:

Botulism	<a href="http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/botulism">http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/botulism</a>
Cyanide	<a href="http://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/cyanide">http://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/cyanide</a>
Sulfur Mustard	<a href="http://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/sulfurmustard">http://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/sulfurmustard</a>
Ricin	<a href="http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/ricin">http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/ricin</a>
Additional Emergency Resources	<a href="http://www.emergency.cdc.gov">http://www.emergency.cdc.gov</a>